

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A closing cap moulded in one piece from a plastics material for sealing a container with a threaded neck comprising:

a top plate ~~(3)~~ which is substantially in the form of a circular disc;

a substantially cylindrical peripheral portion ~~(4)~~ extending downwardly from said top plate ~~(3)~~, said peripheral portion having an internal screw thread ~~(5)~~ adapted to cooperate with the threaded container neck ~~(2)~~; and

an integrally moulded deformable annular sealing ring ~~(6)~~ extending downwardly from an inner surface of said top plate ~~(3)~~ and spaced radially inward of the substantially cylindrical peripheral portion ~~(4)~~, wherein when said closing cap ~~(1)~~ is applied onto the threaded container neck ~~(2)~~, said sealing ring ~~(6)~~ is adapted to radially deform outwardly and seal at least substantially along the outer surface of the container neck ~~(2)~~ by virtue of the elastic return forces without being clamped between the container neck ~~(2)~~ and the substantially cylindrical peripheral portion ~~(4)~~ and without being pressed against said substantially cylindrical peripheral portion ~~(4)~~.

2. (currently amended): The closing cap according to claim 1, wherein said sealing means ~~(6)~~ ring is substantially cylindrical.

3. (currently amended): The closing cap according to claim 1, wherein said sealing means ~~(6)~~ ring is L-shaped.

4. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein said sealing ~~means (6)~~ ring has a uniform thickness of equal or less than 0.80 mm.

5. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein said outer surface of the container neck ~~(2)~~ has, above its threads, an upwardly and inwardly directed tapered portion ~~(8)~~ and a substantially radially inwardly directed rim ~~(9)~~ and said sealing ring ~~(6)~~ is disposed at a radius approximately equal to the radial distance of the middle of the tapered portion ~~(8)~~ of the container neck ~~(2)~~.

6. (currently amended): The closing cap according to claim ~~65~~, wherein said sealing ring ~~(6)~~ is deformed radially outwardly by the tapered portion ~~(8)~~ of the container neck ~~(2)~~ and is fully conformed to the outer surface of the container neck ~~(2)~~ by virtue of its elasticity without being pressed against the substantially cylindrical peripheral portion ~~(4)~~.

7. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 5~~ further comprising a continuous or discontinuous stop means ~~(7)~~ extending downwardly from the inner surface of said top plate ~~(3)~~ and disposed radially inwardly of said deformable sealing ring ~~(6)~~.

8. (currently amended): The closing cap according to claim ~~78~~, wherein said stop means ~~(7)~~ has an external diameter which is slightly smaller than an inner an inner diameter of the substantially radially inwardly directed rim ~~(9)~~ of the container neck ~~(2)~~.

9. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 7~~, wherein said stop means ~~(7)~~ is adapted to limit the upwardly movement of the container neck ~~(2)~~.

10. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 7~~, wherein said stop means ~~(7)~~ is adapted to be inserted in the opening of the container neck ~~(2)~~ after removal of the ~~a~~-sealing laminated disc ~~(10)~~.

11. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 10~~, wherein said sealing ring ~~(6)~~ only just during the reclosing procedure and after removal of the laminated disc ~~(10)~~ first comes into contact with the tapered portion ~~(8)~~ of the container neck ~~(2)~~ and is thereby deformed.

12. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 7~~, wherein said stop means ~~(7)~~ is a shallow ring with a tapering conical tip.

13. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 7~~, wherein said stop means ~~(7)~~ is an annular disc.

14. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein said substantially cylindrical peripheral portion ~~(4)~~ has at its distal end a tamper evident band for cooperation with a security band on the outer neck portion of the container neck ~~(2)~~.

15. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein said substantially cylindrical peripheral portion ~~(4)~~ is provided with external knurling.

16. (currently amended): The closing cap according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein said closing cap ~~(1)~~ is made by injection moulding.

17. (currently amended): An assembly of a container having a threaded neck and a

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closing cap (1) according to any one of the preceding claims wherein said closing cap is moulded in one piece from a plastics material for sealing a container with a threaded neck and comprises:

a top plate which is substantially in the form of a circular disc;

a substantially cylindrical peripheral portion extending downwardly from said top plate, said peripheral portion having an internal screw thread adapted to cooperate with the threaded container neck; and

an integrally moulded deformable annular sealing ring extending downwardly from an inner surface of said top plate and spaced radially inward of the substantially cylindrical peripheral portion, wherein when said closing cap is applied onto the threaded container neck, said sealing ring is adapted to radially deform outwardly and seal at least substantially along the outer surface of the container neck by virtue of the elastic return forces without being clamped between the container neck and the substantially cylindrical peripheral portion and without being pressed against said substantially cylindrical peripheral portion.